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TAGS: SREF, TH
SUBJECT: THANIN RAISES REFUGEE ISSUE AT ASEAN SUMMIT

1. IN AN ADDRESS TO ASEAN SUMMIT CONFEREES IN KUALA LUMPUR
AGUUST 4, PRIME MINISTER THANIN KRAIWICHIAN ANNOUNCED
THAILAND'S READINESS TO CONSIDER THE REPATRIATION OF
INDOCHINESE REFUGEES TO THEIR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN,
PROVIDED THEIR SAFETY WOULD BE GUARANTEED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED HUMANITARIAN PRINCIPLES.

2. THANIN SAID THE 80,000 REFUGEES IN THAI CAMPS HAVE
CREATED A SERIOUS POLITICAL, SOCIAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND
FINANCIAL BURDEN FOR THAILAND AND URGED ASEAN TO ADDRESS
ITSELF TO THE REFUGEE PROBLEM. THE PM CALLED FOR
INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL APPROACHES TO WHAT HE
CHARACTERIZED AS AN INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM.

3. COMMENT: THANIN'S REMARKS ABOUT THE REPATRIATION
OF REFUGEES REFLECT A CONCERN WIDELY HELD AMONG RTG
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OFFICIALS THAT THAILAND DESERVES INTERNATIONAL
SUPPORT IN EFFORTS TO RESOLVE A GROWING REFUGEE
PROBLEM. HOWEVER GIVEN THE PRESENT TENSIONS THAT
EXIST BETWEEN THAILAND AND THE BORDERING STATES OF
INDOCHINA, THE STRONG ANTI-COMMUNIST MOOD OF THE
REFUGEES THEMSELVES AND THE SERIOUS DOMESTIC
ECOMONIC PROBLEMS IN LAOS, CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM,

THERE APPEARS TO BE NO RPT NO PROSPECT THAT A
VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION SCHEME COULD BE A VIABLE
ALTERNATIVE TO REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT IN THAILAND
OR IN THIRD COUNTRIES.

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